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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4878

INFO AMCONSUL HALIFAX

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PRECLEARANCE--HALIFAX

REF: OTTAWA 3440

1. SEAL (MOT) CALLED TCO 0930 OCTOBER 30 TO ADVISE
NEED FOR INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY REGARDING WHETHER USG
PLANS INAUGURATE PRECLEARANCE HALIFAX APRIL 25, 1975
AS REQUESTED DURING JULY CONSULTATIONS, EXTAFF LETTER
OCTOBER 16 (REFTEL) AND OCTOBER 24 MEETING WITH
CANADIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

2. PRECLEARANCE WOULD EXTEND TO BOTH PRESENT HALIFAX-
BOSTON SERVICE WITH 50,000 PASSENGERS ESTIMATED FOR
1975 AND TO NEW HALIFAX-PORTLAND-BANGOR-MONTREAL-
HALIFAX ROUTE WITH ADDITIONAL 20,000.

3. REQUESTED THIS INFORMATION IN TIME TO BE CONVEYED
TO AIR CANADA MANAGEMENT SCHEDULING MEETING BEGINNING
MORNING OF NOVEMBER 1 WHICH WILL BE APPROVING
SUMMER SCHEDULES FOR 1975. MEETING WILL PROBABLY
RESUME MORNING NOVEMBER 4 AND WILL NEED THIS
INFORMATION FOR DETERMINING HOW SCHEDULE AIRCRAFT.

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PRESENT SCHEDULE ASSUMPTION FOR ATLANTIC REGION

OPERATIONS USING DC-9JS IS THAT PRECLEARANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE AND IT WILL REQUIRE MAJOR STAFF EFFORT PRODUCE NEW SCHEULE ON CONTRARY ASSUMPTION. SCHEDULE FOR WHOLE SYSTEM MUST BE SUBMITTED MOT AND CRC FOR APPROVAL MID-NOVEMBER SO THAT IT CAN BE PRINTED FOR JANUARY DISTRIBUTION. WHEN QUERIED RE ABSOLUTE URGENCY OF THIS INFORMATION IN 24 HOUR TIME FRAME, SEAL ADMITTED IT WAS NOT THAT ABSOLUTE; THAT ITS RECEIPT BY MORING NOVEMBER 5 WOULD BE ADEQUATE BUT WITH CONSIDERABLE INCONVENIENCE.

4. SEAL ALSO ADVISED IN CONFIDENCE THAT CANADIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON REPORT OF OCTOBER 24 MEETING INDICATED GREAT CONCERN OVER INABILITY SECURE CLEARCUT RESPONSE ON THIS QUESTION FROM US INSPECTION AGENCIES, SUGGESTED THAT USG WAS NOT REALLY PREPARED TO HONOR PRECLEARANCE AGREEMENT BECAUSE OF FOOTDRAGGING BY US CARRIERS IN PROVIDING PROPER FACILITIES MONTREAL AND TORONTO, AND RECOMMENDED URGENT FORMAL CONSULTATIONS BE REQUESTED AT HIGHEST LEVELS.

5. COMMENT: URGENT REPLY REQUESTED.
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